

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

29 October 1953

SUBJECT : Medical Waivers for Overseas Personnel

25X1A 1. The attached raises a number of questions in my mind with respect to Agency policy. While in unusual cases the field should be consulted as to whether they will use, or can use, an individual where there are some limitations on his use, the actual authority for making such decisions would appropriately seem to rest with Headquarters. Headquarters action should include coordination by the Medical Staff, Personnel, and the Division concerned. It is granted that errors in this respect have been made in the past, for example, the [REDACTED] case. An error in actual administration does not result in changing the basic principle which would result in a shift to the field of responsibility to determine whether or not an individual should or should not be used.

2. In any event it seems that this memorandum from Personnel to the Chief of Administration, DD/P, would seem to be an appropriate subject for inclusion in regulations.

3. Therefore, I would recommend:

a. That Personnel produce a more detailed study of this matter incorporating the pros and cons of the recommendations, and

b. That Personnel be requested to consider incorporation of the subject of the attached memorandum in regulations, if such study supports the procedure and policy concerned.

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